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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/809,386	Applicant(s) AKIBA, MAKOTO	
	Examiner Jeanne-Marguerite Goodwin	Art Unit 2841	

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Preliminary Amedment dated 26 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,6,8,10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,7 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                       |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipate by US 6560166 to Saito et al. [hereinafter Saito].

**Regarding claim 1:** Saito discloses an electronic equipment system comprising a radio a remote controller (col. 4, lines23-25) for transmitting a remote control signal containing a command signal and a time data signal subsequent to the command signal; and an electronic equipment (1) for receiving the remote control signal to correct time information, said electronic equipment (1) comprising determining means for determining whether to carry out time correction based on state of receiving the command signal (col. 4, lines 49-60).

**With respect to claim 6:** the method steps will be met during the normal operation of the apparatus stated above.

**Regarding claim 3:** Saito discloses the electronic equipment system according to Claim 1, wherein said electronic equipment has a first mode of carrying out no time correction and a second mode of carrying out the time correction, and said determining means determines, when the first mode is active, not to carry out the time correction, when the second mode active,

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whether to carry out the time correction based on the state of receiving the command signal (col. 4, lines 49-60).

**With respect to claim 8:** the method steps will be met during the normal operation of the apparatus stated above.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of US 6999380 to Yamamoto.

**Regarding claim 5:** Yamamoto teaches a camera device comprising a time correction feature. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add the camera device of Yamamoto, to the device of Saito, in order to get a video image of an employee.

**With respect to claim 10:** the method steps will be met during the normal operation of the apparatus stated above.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 2, 4, 7 and 9 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim

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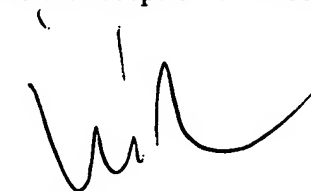
and any intervening claims.

*Conclusion*

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in the PTO-892 disclose related devices. US 206/0034159 to Sano and US 5,600,711 to Yuen disclose a time data transmitting system

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Jeanne-Marguerite Goodwin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2104. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9am-6pm), alternate Fridays off. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2861.

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